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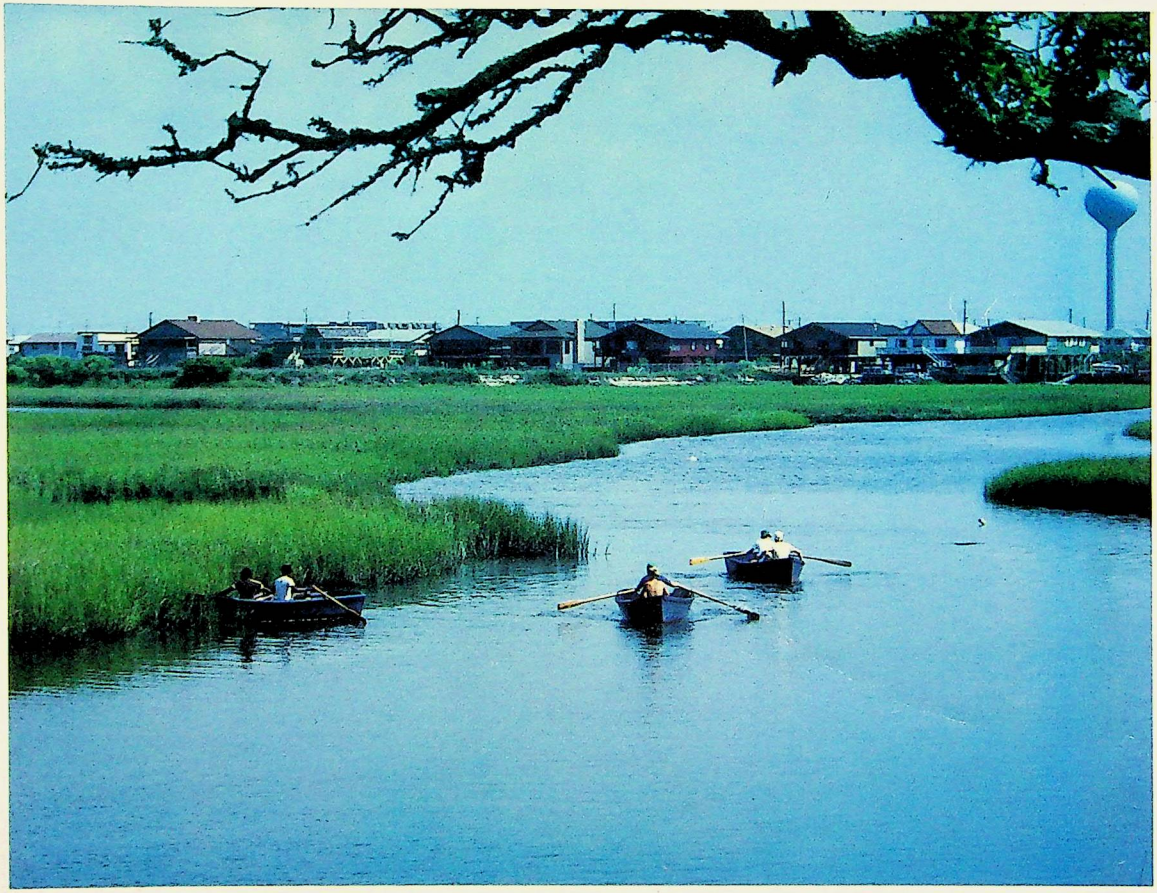

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TO YOUNG FARMERS

BY TOMMY GLADDEN

The Edgefield and Saluda Chapters will be hosting this year's Summer Tour August 8 and 9 for Young Farmer members, advisors, and wives. The tour will form up with a social Friday evening at the Holiday Inn on I-20 near Aiken and a breakfast buffet there Saturday morning. A tour will include several diversified agricultural operations, poultry, peaches, and a stop by the Saluda Tractor Pull facilities. The Saluda Young Farmer Pull will be held that weekend and members will be given the opportunity to return for the pull that evening.

We appreciate District I Vice-President, William Clark, coordinating the activities for our tour. We know that this year's tour will be exciting as well as educational. Further details will be passed on to chapter advisors and presidents as the date nears. Please make plans to attend.

A note to remind chapters that membership rosters are past due. If your roster is still out, please send it in as soon as possible. We look forward to an increase in membership and in number of chapters.

TO FUTURE FARMERS

BY J. EARL FRICK, JR.

Final plans have been made for an exciting camping season at the Cherry Grove FFA Camp. The addition of some new counselors to work with returning counselors should provide the balance needed for an excellent camping program. A new 1800 square foot swimming pool will be the featured attraction at the FFA Camp. And the addition of a Hunter Safety program sponsored by the S.C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Department should create a lot of interest among FFA members attending camp. Some vacancies are available for the weeks of June 30-July 4 and July 7-11. Call H.C. Edens, camp director, at 249-1983 if you have not made reservations. Approximately 200 members can be accommodated each week, so make your plans now to attend and participate.

The Leadership Conference for chapter officers is scheduled for June 24-27. This conference will provide participants with a chance to develop leadership skills, participate in committee work, attend a simulated parent-member banquet, and discover new ways to strengthen local FFA chapters. Attendance during the past several years has exceeded 150, so plans should be made early to guarantee a place for your chapter officers. The State FFA Association is prepared to offer additional camping weeks if there is a demand by local chapters. The Cherry Grove FFA Camp is an excellent facility that should be fully utilized by members for leadership development and recreational activities.

Cover Photo

This marsh scene adjoining the Cherry Grove Future Farmers Camp portrays the fun and relaxing atmosphere which offers rich learning experiences, fellowship and adventure during a week of organized camping activities. *Photo by Keith Edens*

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Utilize Your Strong Points

By Rusty Darby, President
South Carolina Young Farmers

It seems the more things change, the more they remain the same. It is certainly true in agriculture. The more prices and the weather change, the more difficult it is to make a good living. Yet there is still room for profit. An operator needs to first take advantage of his strong points; realize what he can do best, then concentrate on that. It is best if this is something away from the norm.

The farm operator also needs to watch expenses to be sure that the return is reasonably sure to cover the expense. Extension and U.S.D.A.'s figures may not apply to your operation. Another important thing is to avoid debt if at all possible. It is hard for any operation to support itself and the bank.

These are all ideas that the Young Farmer Association has helped me to realize and help keep my operation going. Ideas and innovations like these are the key to the success of the Young Farmer organization. For a chapter to be successful, ideas like these need to be presented in an entertaining and social atmosphere to make attendance a pleasure and a challenge. The thoughts of trying to continue the ideas of the leaders before me and come up with new ones to sustain the organization is its greatest challenge.

My goal is to increase members and sponsor participation in the Sate Convention. Please put on your calendar now the dates of January 16-17, 1987 and plan to attend the State Young Farmer Convention in Columbia. We plan an informative and entertaining convention for everyone.

Also the summer tour is planned for August 8-9 in conjunction with the Saluda Young Farmer Chapter's Tractor Pull.

Hope to see you at each of these events.

Rusty Darby of Chester, right, president of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers, receives the gavel from Harry Wimberly of Bowman, past president at the annual Young Farmer Convention last January.

Saluda Tractor Pull August 8-9

Saluda Young Farmers will sponsor their annual Tractor Pull Friday and Saturday, August 8-9 near Highway 178 just South of Saluda.

Activities will feature competitive truck and tractor pulls Friday and Saturday nights.

A Fun Week of Learning Experiences at FFA Camp

South Carolina Future Farmers have an opportunity to enjoy a summer camping program at the Cherry Grove FFA Camp, according to Hugh P. McClimon, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education and state FFA Advisor.

The camp opened June 16, and the program will be conducted in one-week segments through July 11, except during the FFA Leadership Conference June 24-27.

FFA Camp reservation forms may be obtained and returned to J. Earl Frick, Jr., District Consultant, Agricultural Education, 142-B South Dargan Street, Florence, S.C. 29501.

The FFA Camp is a learning experience where one can meet with other Future Farmers from throughout the State, and participate in camping, educational, and recreational activities. The Camping program emphasizes development of personal leadership skills, teamwork and cooperation. Camp activities are directed by a capable staff of counselors.

Camp facilities include nice clean modern dormitories, swimming, boating, sport activities in volleyball, softball, putt-putt, tennis, shuffleboard, deep sea fishing, and others.

Special interest and educational programs include hunter safety, boating, archery, woodworking, electrification, track and field.

A hunter safety training program will be offered this season by the S.C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Department. FFA members must obtain parental permission in order to participate in the hunter safety program.

The Camper's health and safety are important concerns of the camp staff. Care is taken in all activities, especially swimming to ensure that everyone will have an enjoyable and safe camp, Mr. McClimon added.

York FFA Livestock Judging Team scored first in District II during the State FFA Livestock Judging at Clemson. Team members include, left to right, Frank Sandifer, agriculture teacher and team advisor; Robert Dover, alternate, Neel Bryant, Davy Brakefield, Jimmy Good, and Roy Patterson.

Members of the Britton's Neck FFA Livestock Judging Team, District III winner, include, left to right, Jerry Pace, agriculture teacher and team advisor; Aaron Reason, John Saffold, Ron Taylor, and Clayton Richardson.

Crescent FFA Wins First In Livestock

Crescent FFA Chapter at Iva in Anderson County, captured first place in the annual State FFA Livestock Judging Contest April 5 at Clemson University.

The team scored 1,206 points to win an expense paid trip to Kansas City, Mo. in November where it will represent South Carolina Future Farmers in the National FFA Judging Competition during the National FFA Convention.

First place teams from each district and points scored include District I, Crescent, 1,206; District II, Floyd D. Johnson FFA Chapter at York, 1,173 points; District III, Britton's Neck Chapter, 1,189 points; and District IV, Wagener-Salley, 1,196 points.

Dale Handlin, professor of Animal Science at Clemson University, was in charge of judging activities for Clemson.

The livestock field day at Clemson climaxed the study, work and grading of beef cattle and swine by Future Farmers in South Carolina in vocational agriculture classes during the past year. The meet provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate livestock selection and grading skills learned in the classrooms.

The seven classes of beef and swine used in the selection and grading were provided by Clemson University. Local arrangements for the event were made by members of the Animal Science Department staff and the Block and Bridle Club of Clemson University.

Hugh P. McClimon, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, left, and Dale Handlin, professor of Animal Science at Clemson University, discuss the interest of young people in the livestock industry during the recent annual State FFA Livestock Judging Contest at Clemson University.

Wagener-Salley FFA Livestock Judging Team was District IV winner. Team members include, left to right, Tommy Swartz, student teacher; John Swearingen, Jeffrey Swartz, Joe Gatlin, and Wesly Yon, with Allen Williams, agriculture teacher and team advisor.

Members of the Crescent FFA Livestock Judging Team who won first place in the State FFA Livestock Judging Contest include, left to right, Michael Powell, Donald Thompson, Brad Martin, Scott Drake. Joe Price is vocational agriculture teacher and team advisor. They will represent South Carolina Future Farmers in the National FFA Livestock Judging Activities this fall in Kansas City, Mo.

STAR FARMERS

Robert Todd Stott of the Landrum FFA Chapter was honored as the South Carolina Star Farmer of the Year at the recent 59th annual convention of South Carolina Future Farmers of America.

The District Star Farmers who also were recognized in the Star Farmer Ceremony Thursday night at the convention included Al Harman of Gilbert Chapter, Jack Cunningham, advisor; Byron Williams of Britton's Neck Chapter, Jerry Pace, advisor; and Dennis Gary Doremus, II of Edisto Chapter, George Ulmer, advisor.

A $300 cash award went to the Star Farmer, and District Star Farmers were presented $100. All received pins appropriate to the award.

H.B. Waldrop, agriculture teacher at Landrum, is the Star Farmer's advisor.

The Star Farmer grows livestock in his supervised farming program and he and his brothers help their father operate the Chesnee Livestock Yard, Inc. He also is growing registered Brahman in his supervised farming program.

Approximately 300 Future Farmers from throughout the State attended the convention, and 60 received FFA State Farmer degrees.

A complete pictorial and awards coverage will be carried in the next issue of the magazine.

PLOWING AHEAD

Congratulations to Green Sea Floyds FFA Chapter on its newsletter, *"Plowing Ahead"*.

In looking over its winter edition published in March, the reader finds items of interest on chapter activities and achievements of individual members.

There was a pig picking in November, fruit sales in December, and emphasis continued in the FFA Tractor Safety Campaign during the spring and all year.

Agriculture teacher and chapter advisor is Darrell Ricketts who is in his first year at GSF. "I am proud of the accomplishments the students have made, and we look with great expectations to next year," Mr. Ricketts said.

The newsletter is two page legal size typed on both sides.

The YF-FFA Magazine is interested in knowing of other chapters that are publishing newsletters.

FLB Director

C. Emory Bishop of Inman, past president of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers, recently was elected to a three-year term on the new Board of Directors for the Palmetto Federal Land Bank Association.

Mitchel Richardson of Britton's Neck, left, was first place high individual scorer in the soil identification competition; and Todd Nalley of Loris, right was second place individual.

Britton's Neck and Pelion Lead in Soil Competition

Future Farmers of America Soil Judging Teams from Britton's Neck High School in Marion County and Pelion High School in Lexington County represented South Carolina FFA Association in the annual National Land Judging contest April 30-May 1 at Oklahoma City, Okla.

The two teams went to Oklahoma as winners of the recent 31st annual State FFA Soil Identification and Land Treatment Meet at Walterboro. Each team received $1,200 for expenses to the National meet and a plaque.

Members of the first place Britton's Neck team include Mitchel Richardson, Lloyd Richardson, Alan Richardson, and Kevin Richardson, with Jerry Pace, agriculture teacher.

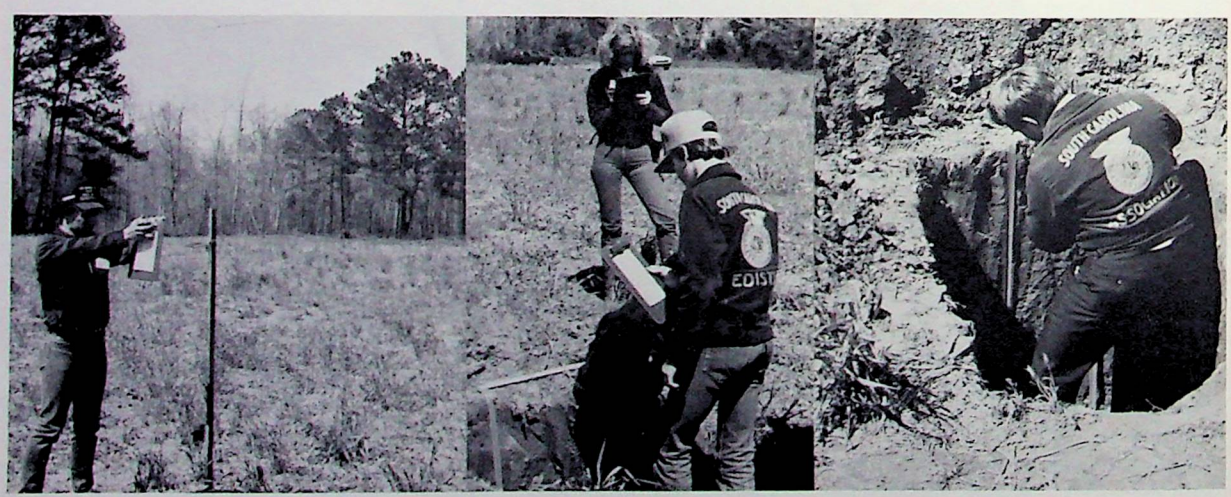
The Pelion team which placed second in the State competition include Bert Shumpert, Trevor Padgett, Tim Shumpert, and David Gunter, with Frank Stover, Jr., agriculture teacher.

First place individual award went to Mitchel Richardson of Britton's Neck Chapter, and Todd Nalley of the Loris Chapter, second place. First place award includes $450 for a trip to the National FFA Convention this fall in Kansas City, Mo., and an engraved gold watch was presented to the second place winner.

Sixteen four-member FFA teams competed in the State meet on the basis of winning first place in previous FFA Federation competition. The State FFA meet is sponsored by the Office of Vocational Education, State Department of Education in cooperation with the State FFA Association. More than 5,000 South Carolina youth each year receive instruction in soil identification and land treatment in high school as a part of vocational agriculture training.

Sponsors of the contest include Carolina Power and Light company, Duke Power Company, S.C. Electric and Gas Company, S.C. Conservation Districts Foundation, S.C. Association of Conservation Districts. The South Carolina Soil Conservation Service also assists in the activity.

Soil Judging



The annual State FFA Soil Identification and Land Treatment Meet utilizes a wide variety of skills and knowledge of soils as shown in the scenes on this page from the 31st annual competition at Walterboro.

Britton's Neck

Britton's Neck FFA Chapter's Soil Identification team captured top honors in the 31st annual State FFA Soil Identification competition. Those in the picture include, left to right, Lewis Williamson Carolina Power and Light Company at Florence, Mitchel Richardson, Lloyd Richardson, Alan Richardson, and Kevin Richardson, team members, with Jerry Pace, agriculture teacher and team advisor; and Von Snelgrove of the S.C. Land Resources Conservation Commission, one of the sponsors. The team also was first place in the District.

Pelion

The soil identification team from the Pelion FFA Chapter, won second place in the State FFA Soil Identification competition. Those in the picture include Les Zielke of South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, one of the sponsoring firms, Team Members Bert Shumpert, Trevor Padgett, Tim Shumpert, and David Gunter; Frank R. Stover, Jr., agriculture teacher and team advisor; and Von Snelgrove of the S.C. Land Resources Conservation Commission, one of the sponsors. Pelion also was first place in District II.

Edisto

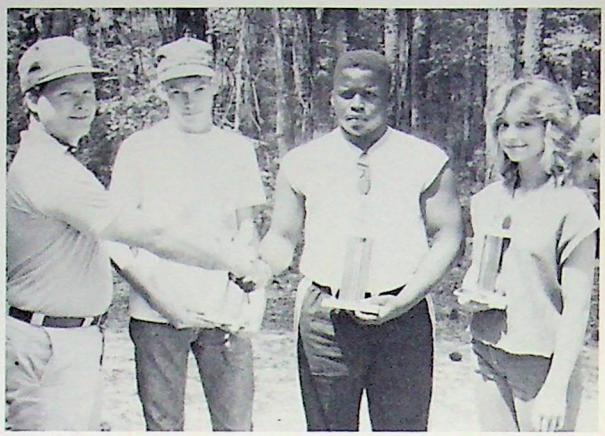
The soil judging team from Edisto FFA Chapter was the first place winner in District IV. Those in the picture include Les Zielke of S.C. Electric and Gas Company, Walterboro, one of the sponsoring firms; Team Members Ander Watson, Gregory Smoak, Gregory Rivers, Travis Robinson, and George Ulmer, advisor; and Von Snelgrove of the S.C. Land Resources Conservation Commission, one of the sponsors.

Laurens

District I winner in the State FFA Soil Identification was a team from Laurens District 55 FFA Chapter. Those in the picture include Pete Arsenault of Duke Power Company, one of the sponsors; Team Members Darren Woods, Chris Wilson, Nicky Weathers, and Dale Corley; Jim Cope of the S.C. Land Resources Conservation Commission, one of the sponsors; and T.B. Huffman, agriculture teacher and team advisor.

Forestry Field Day

This page features scenes from some of the key activities of the annual Forestry Field Day for South Carolina forest products harvesting classes on April 12 at Manchester State Forest, Sumter County. High individual winners are shown left to right with Sean Leary of Stone Container Corporation, and chairman of the Forest Products Harvesting Advisory Committee, left, Jim Miller of Walterboro, high individual winner with 456 points; Stevie Knowlin of Andrews, second with 445 points; and Christy Machen of Crescent, third with 441 points. They applied competitive skills in several areas, several of which are shown below. These include which tree to leave and what to cut, measuring pulpwood on a truck, scaling sawlogs to determine board feet, and estimating standing timber.



Forestry Field Day Winners

Which Tree To Leave

Measuring Pulpwood on a Truck

Scaling Saw Logs

Estimating Standing Timber

Future Farmers Meet At Clemson

More than 300 South Carolina Future Farmers participated in the 59th annual State FFA Convention June 11-13 at Clemson University.

Conference activities got underway with Vesper Services at 7:30 Wednesday night, June 11, followed by the first session at 7:45. Featured speakers during the three-day convention program included Dr. Max Lennon, president of Clemson University; Cindy Blair of Noble, Okla., vice president of the National FFA, who represented the national organization; Rusty Darby of Chester, president of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers; Tony Hoyt of Dumbries, Va., program specialist for leadership development for the National FFA; and retiring addresses by the State FFA officers.

Other highlights included Star Farmer Ceremonies, presentation of State Farmer degrees, honorary State Farmer Degrees, public speaking finals, and competition in parliamentary procedure, floriculture, agriculture mechanics, farm business management, forestry, and nursery/landscape contests.

Current officers who presided during the conference included Dan Poston of Britton's Neck, president; Teresa Hurt of Saluda, secretary; and Vice Presidents Michelle Miller of Pleasant Hill, Georgetown County; Steven McGaha of Belton-Honea Path, Billy Stroud of Clover, and John Hutto, IV of Edisto.

An address by Cindy Blair of Noble, Okla., National FFA Vice President, from the Western Region was one of the highlights of the opening session of the annual convention.

Representing the National FFA at the convention, she also presented National Chapter Safety awards at the final session Friday.

Prior to being elected as a national officer, Blair's FFA leadership activities included serving as state FFA president and secretary and two terms as president of her local chapter at Noble High School. She also won state championships in two public speaking divisions and placed second in the national extemporaneous public speaking contest.

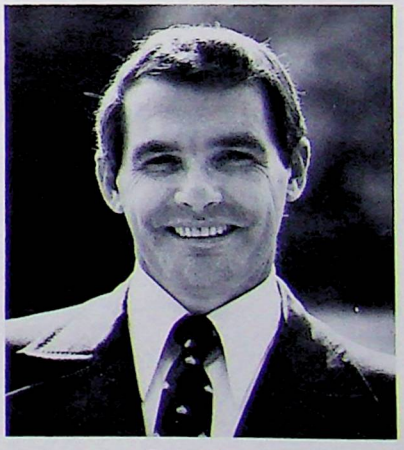
While enrolled in vocational agriculture, her Supervised Occupational Experience program included Hampshire sheep, Duroc swine and cattle production. Work in these areas earned her the state sheep proficiency award, the state diversified livestock award, the western region diversified livestock production award and the American Farmer degree.

She is on one-year leave of absence from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, where she is a junior majoring in agriculture economics and business management. Upon completion of college, she plans to enter the field of agricultural finance.

During her year as a national officer, she will travel more than 200,000 miles representing nearly 8,300 FFA chapters.

Cindy Blair

Dr. Max Lennon



Tony Hoyt

Members of the Star Farmer selection committee observed outstanding farming programs in their visits with District Star Farmers to name the State winner. Al Harmon of Gilbert, District II, Star Farmer, center, discusses his supervised farming program with Dr. Arthur K. Jensen of Clemson, left, and Jack Black of Greenville, executive secretary of the S.C. Farmer Cooperative Council.

District Young Farmers of the Year

The following highlights of the farming operations of the District Young Farmers are based upon a presentation by Dr. Lloyd Blanton of the Agricultural Education staff at Clemson University to the State Young Farmer Convention last January in Columbia. Dr. Blanton visited and talked with the Young Farmers and their families as a member of the committee to select the Young Farmer of the Year.

Congratulations to the four outstanding Young Farmers who were recognized as top contenders for the Young Farmer of the Year award at the annual convention in January in Columbia. Lets take a brief look at the farming and community activities of each one.

Terry McDowell

Terry McDowell of the Progressive Chapter in Spartanburg, was a District Young Farmer of the Year in 1978, and last year entered the State competition as a finalist from his chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. McDowell and their two children, Fran and Jeff, live in the shadows of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains where they carve out a desirable standard of living from the red hills and valleys of their dairy/grain operation.

Mr. McDowell credits "on-farm maintenance" as a major reason for still earning a living on the farm.

"Today's farm is heavily dependent upon efficient machinery that can be productive without being excessively expensive. Equipment that is three or more years old ties up less capital than the most modern and latest models, thus freeing capital for the essentials in years of low profit in agricultural commodities," he explained.

The McDowells milk about 75 cows, and operate a profitable enterprise of raising dairy heifers for sale and replacement. He also uses about 25 beef animals to salvage forage from croplands after harvesting is complete, thus basically thriving on forage that would have been lost otherwise.

Other farm improvement practices include uses of terraces and strip cropping for erosion control, soil testing, manure utilization, home garden and food preservation for year-round use.

Mr. McDowell is active in activities of his church and community including ASCS, Young Farmers, Farm Bureau, and S.C. Cooperative Council.

Mr. Hugh Waldrop, agriculture teacher at Landrum, is chapter advisor.

Terry Brown

Terry Brown, District 1 Young Farmer, is a member of the Saluda Young Farmer Chapter. He, his wife Lisa, and two children, Leigh and Erin, live in a modern rural home close to natural resources, wood from the forest for heat, a rustic setting to match their love of nature, and to bridge the gap between rural and modern standards of life.

Both Terry and Lisa are enthusiastic about their "Hatching Egg Business" located a short distance away from their home. Their business is production of eggs that will be shipped elsewhere to be hatched for layers or broilers for the poultry industry.

Terry Brown of Saluda Young Farmer Chapter, left, discusses "His Hatching Egg" business with Dr. Lloyd Blanton, center; and Frank R. Stover, right, members of the Young Farmer Selection Committee during a visit with District 1 Young Farmer.

His breeder flock is producing a record of 187 hatchable eggs per layer per year. The flock includes approximately one rooster for 15 hens.

The 9,500 capacity poultry facility features a monorail system to reduce manpower in gathering eggs and moving the eggs to storage and packing where they are examined before going to the hatchery.

Their farming operation also includes growing soybeans and produce for market.

Mr. Brown is active in Young Farmer activities, farm organizations, his church and school activities. Also, he makes himself available to insure that his family carries its fair share of the community spirit.

John Crawford, agriculture teacher is advisor to the Young Farmer Chapter.

Julian P. Rogers, III

The District II Young Farmer of the Year, Julian P. Rogers, III, is a member of the York Young Farmer Chapter, Frank Sandifer, advisor.

Mr. Rogers and his wife, Sue, live near Rock Hill with their two children, Reggie and J.P. Like many other Young Farmers across the State, Mr. Rogers is dedicated to doing what is necessary to make it possible for him to succeed in his chosen career of farming. His farm is located not far from his boyhood home, where stands monuments to the dairy farm that once was operated by his father. However, his idea of a Piedmont farm is selecting annual enterprises from truck to specialty crops, also corn, soybeans, wheat and steers, based on an approach of putting the pencil to potential profits.

Rather than just planting a crop because of habit or tradition, he consciously pursues his farming goal with the best information and judgement available to agriculturists, producing only what offers a reasonable return on investment of capital and labor.

Mr. Rogers also operates a bulldozer enterprise. A gifted mechanic, he buys good equipment and then operates it and maintains it properly, thereby reducing "downtime" and repair costs.

Mr. Rogers sees no reason for unnecessary expenses that don't directly improve net profit values.

"What is saved determines profits for today's young farmer, and not necessarily the amount of income," he added.

Mark E. White

Mark E. White of Lamar Chapter, was District III Young Farmer. Al Jeffords, agriculture teacher is chapter advisor.

Mr. White and his wife, Dawn, live in Darlington County where they farm about 800 acres of leased land, growing 60 acres of tobacco, 600 acres of soybeans, 150 acres of corn, and 500 acres of wheat.

Like most soybean farmers last year, Mr. White lost much of his soybean potential when fall rains prevented him from harvesting his crop. Much was lost to shattering and dropped beans as prime harvest time came and went under the siege of rainy conditions.

However, under present adverse market and production conditions, Mr. White remains optimistic about his future in farming. "Depressed land prices may make it advantageous to purchase land in the near future, because land prices are going to increase again," he foresees. "Still by putting the pencil to cost of owning versus leasing land, leasing appears more desirable for the next few years rather than paying much income to land prices and interest on purchased land," he observed.

Mr. and Mrs. White own and take great pride in their modern home. Their home and life style reflects their commitment to an orderly, and timely attention to long-term care of their home and farm.

The young farmer is active in his church, Farm Bureau, Young Farmer Chapter activities, and Woodmen of the World.

Agriculture Teachers' Conference July 28-30 at University of S.C.

The annual in-service training conference for Teachers of Vocational Agricultural Education in South Carolina will be held Monday through Wednesday, July 28-30, at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Agriculture teachers will meet as a part of the General Conference for Vocational Teachers in the State, according to Hugh P. McClimon of Columbia, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture Education.

Conference activities will get underway with a general session at 2:00 Monday afternoon Keynote speaker will be Dr. Moody Oswald, State Director of Vocational Education.

Agriculture teachers will hold their first session at 8:30 Tuesday morning, July 29 in Room 3001 of the Carolina Coliseum.

"Agriculture in Transition" will be the topic of the keynote address by Dr. Max Lennon, president of Clemson University.

Other presentations the first day will include *"Leaders for the New Fields of Agriculture"* by the new president of the South Carolina FFA; and "The Young Farmer Program," by Rusty Darby of Chester, president of SC Association of Young Farmers.

Wednesday's activities will feature special interest workshops. Workshops topics and leaders for each follow.

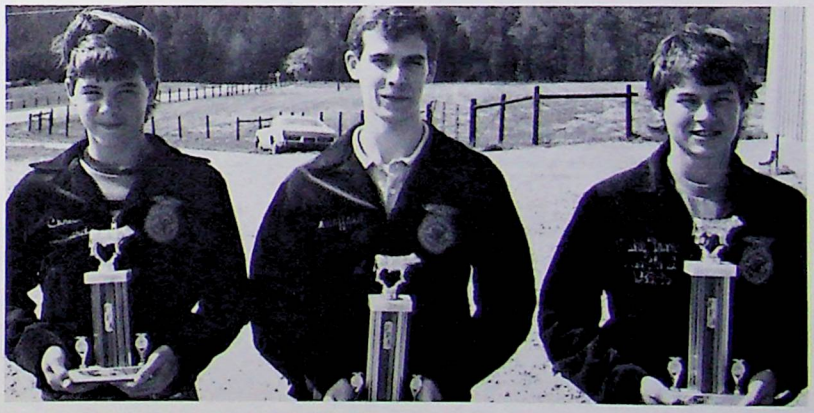
"Ornamental Horticulture". Dr. Lloyd Blanton, professor of Agricultural Education at Clemson University, *"Agricultural Mechanics"*, Dr. Jim Daniels, associate professor of Agricultural Education at Clemson University, and W.P. Lloyd of Walterboro, consultant for Agricultural Education; and *"Agricultural Production/Business Management"*, Dr. Jack Mercer, professor of Agricultural Education at Clemson University and Tommy Gladden of Columbia, consultant for Agricultural Education.

Also *"Forestry/Chain Saw Safety"*, Soren Eriksson of Sweden, Inc., Summerville; *"Trends in Livestock Management"*, Dr. Henry Webster, extension beef scientist at Clemson University; *"Growing Specialty Crops"*, Norwood McLeod of Columbia, marketing specialist with S.C. Department of Agriculture; and *"Opportunities in Aquaculture"*, Thomas E. Sweeny, marine extension specialist at Clemson University.

A workshop for new teachers will be conducted by Dr. John Rodgers, head of Agricultural Education at Clemson University; and J. Earl Frick, Jr., District Consultant of Agricultural Education at Florence.

Dr. Alex Hash, professor of Agricultural Education at Clemson, will conduct a workshop on *"Cooperative Training with SOEP."*

The annual meeting of the South Carolina Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association will be at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon at Western Steer Family Steakhouse in Cayce; and the annual agricultural Teachers' Awards Banquet will be at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday at the same location.



High individual winners in the FFA Livestock Judging Contest at Clemson College, April 5, included, left to right, Chris Leonard of James F. Byrnes FFA Chapter, Duncan, third place; John Saffold of Britton's Neck, second; and Wesley Yon of Wagener-Salley, first.

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